

Citation of Prior Art

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the following documents are herein disclosed to the Patent Office in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56. The Examiner is requested to consider the documents in the examination of this application.

Accompanying this statement is a Form PTO-1449 in duplicate on which the documents are listed. The Examiner is requested to return an uninitialled and signed copy of the form once the documents have been considered.

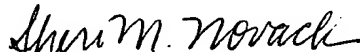
The following documents were cited in the parent application. Applicants believe copies of these references are available in the parent application file. If this is not the case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned to obtain copies of the cited art.

U.S. Patent No. 4,469,100 (Kardwick)
U.S. Patent No. 4,557,253 (Goodman)
U.S. Patent No. 4,657,020 (Hasson et al)
U.S. Patent No. 4,710,181 (Fuqua)
U.S. Patent No. 4,738,666 (Fuqua)
U.S. Patent No. 4,776,844 (Ueda)
U.S. Patent No. 4,799,474 (Ueda)
U.S. Patent No. 5,057,114 (Wittich et al)
U.S. Patent No. 5,064,428 (Cope et al)
U.S. Patent No. 5,103,804 (Abele et al)
U.S. Patent No. 5,123,906 (Kelmen)
U.S. Patent No. 5,147,371 (Washington)
U.S. Patent No. 5,171,233 (Amplatz et al)
U.S. Patent No. 5,231,989 (Middleman et al)

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance. If it is believed that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415/361-3331.

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